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In the July 7, 2002 communication from the Examiner, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement, wherein the Applicants were required to elect claims from groups of claims designated by the Examiner as follows:

Claims of Group A corresponding to Figure 4;

Claims of Group B corresponding to Figure 5A;

Claims of Group C corresponding to Figure 6A;

Claims of Group D corresponding to Figure 7A;

In accordance with the Examiner's requirements, Applicants identify below the sets of claims corresponding to the above designations:

Group A claims (Figure 4): 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16

Group B claims (Figure 5A): 2, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Group C claims (Figure 6A): 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36,
37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45

Group D claims (Figure 7A): 6, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56
and 57

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 corresponding to Group/Invention A reading on Figure 4. In accordance with the election of the claims of Group A, Applicants cancel hereinabove the claims of Groups B, C and D that are not included in the claims of Group A. In other words, Applicants hereby cancel claims 2, 6, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,

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22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 5 and 57.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 remain pending in the application, and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Examination of the application as amended is requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at (763) 505-0003 or by E-mail at thomas.woods@medtronic.com with any questions or comments he may have.

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